

Tar Heel Tracker Newsletter

IN/AB Grades

The Faculty Council approved a change in how IN/AB grades are applied to an undergraduate student's record. IN/AB grades will no longer calculate as F into a student's GPA. Instead, since it is expected that the student will complete the required coursework and examinations, courses with these grades will be considered "in-progress" beginning with fall 2021 grades. In addition, courses with SP grades will now also be considered in-progress, rather than non-degree applicable. In the Tar Heel Tracker, AB/IN/SP graded-courses will act just as regular in-progress courses currently do; that is, they will be allowed to meet major/minor/degree requirements pending posting of final permanent grades.

Tar Heel Tracker Trainings

The Office of the University Registrar conducts regular trainings for faculty and staff users of the Tar Heel Tracker: 1) Tar Heel Tracker Basics; 2) RAM (Requirement Adjustment Module). The Basics training is a prerequisite for RAM training. Dates, times and registration are available at the [Registrar's Training Calendar](#).

All questions, issues or errors should be sent to tarheeltracker@unc.edu.



New GPA Requirement for Majors and Minors

The Faculty Council recently approved a change in [requirements](#) for undergraduate majors and minors. Beginning with students graduating in December 2021, "A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in coursework taken at UNC-Chapel Hill in the major [or minor] core is required." Only UNC courses with letter grades will count in this requirement. Study abroad courses (unless taught by UNC faculty), by-examination credit and transfer courses will not factor into the major/minor GPA calculation. Robertson and interinstitutional courses with permanent letter grades will count toward the GPA requirement.

Change in Required Degree Hours

In fall 2020, the BS in Statistics and Analytics changed from requiring 123 hours to 120 hours. This fall (2021), the BS in Psychology and the BS in Physics will follow suit and reduce the number of required hours to 120. In the THT, students on requirement terms before the switch to 120 hours will see their required degree hours within the statistics, psychology and physics major requirements.

New Majors, Minors and Subplans

Name	Major/Minor/Subplan
Human Organization and Leadership Development (HOLD)	BA major in School of Education
Family Life Education (in Human Development and Family Studies)	Subplan (optional)
Child and Family Health (in Human Development and Family Studies)	Subplan (optional)
Data Science	Minor
Engineering for Environmental Change, Climate and Health	Minor
Environmental Justice Minor	Minor
Human Development, Sustainability, and Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora	Minor
Real Estate	Minor in KFBS
Computational Physics (in BA in Physics)	Subplan
Medical and Biological Physics (in BA in Physics)	Subplan (new name)



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Those Pesky Repeats

When students repeat a course the Tar Heel Tracker reads the “repeat code” associated with each course; unfortunately, sometimes the one deducted is the one that should have been kept; sometimes neither is deducted. Repeat codes are placed on courses through a behind-the-scenes process—for a variety of reasons, the correct code is not always placed on the repeated courses.

In response, the Tar Heel Tracker team is busy reviewing and correcting repeat codes for all current students; needless to say, there are thousands of courses which require review. We are getting to them as quickly as possible; thank you for your patience.

As the team reviews each repeat, they are also enforcing [specific rules](#) regarding the repeat of courses for which the student has earned by-examination (BE) credit. The rule states, “In the event that a student takes a course for which Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or SAT Subject Test credit is awarded, the By-Examination credit will be forfeited when the course is completed, *AS WELL AS ANY HIGHER-LEVEL BE CREDIT IN THAT SEQUENCE* [our emphasis]. For example, a student whose test scores would award BE credit for MATH 231 and MATH 232 and who chooses to take MATH 231 at UNC–Chapel Hill will forfeit BE credit for both MATH 231 and MATH 232.”

The courses most affected by these rules are in biology, chemistry, mathematics and foreign languages.

Accordingly, students may see some unexpected changes to a their Tar Heel Tracker: fewer degree applicable hours, missing a course in a sequence (e.g., MATH 231, 232, 233), etc. Most students may not be aware of this policy and how it affects them. While the enforcement of these rules is not always best-timed, students are bound by the rules in the [University Catalog](#) of their term of admittance into the University.

In the meantime, if you see repeats incorrectly applied to a student’s record, please email tarheeltracker@unc.edu and include the student’s PID and the repeated course(s).



Pass/Fail Limits in The Tracker

Undergraduate students are limited to the number of hours of Pass/Fail courses that they may apply to their degree.

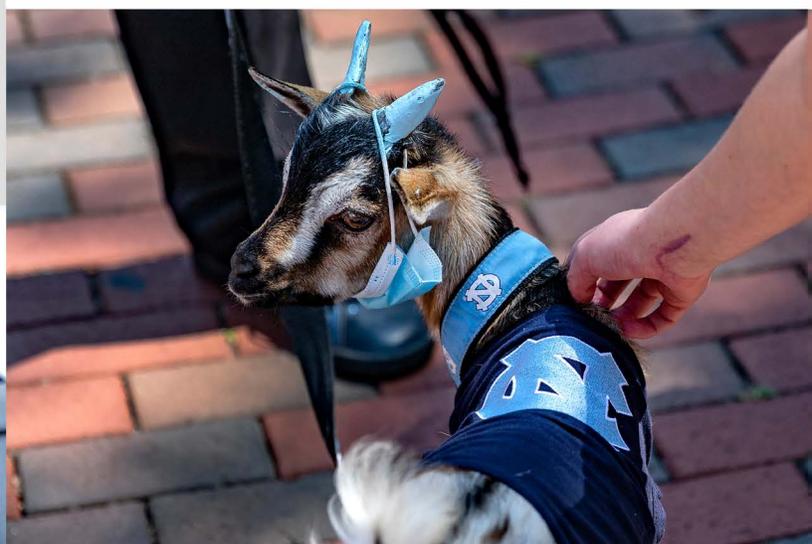
These [limits](#) are as follows:

- No more than 23 total hours of Pass/Fail are allowed in an undergraduate’s career.
- No more than 16 of those 23 hours may be from student-elected Pass/Fail classes.
- No more than 13 of those 23 hours may be from established Pass/Fail courses.

These limits will now appear in the THT under “Global Limits.” Due to configuration constraints, the limits will appear only for students who entered UNC fall 2020 or later.

Courses exceeding any of the above limits will not count toward graduation and will appear under “Non-Degree Applicable” courses in the Tracker. P/F classes taken during the Covid grading accommodations (spring 2020 to spring 2021) are exempt from this rule and will not appear in the THT’s limits.

Explore the [New Undergraduate General Education Curriculum](#)
Coming in Fall 2021!





Study Abroad and UNCO Course Articulations

The Office of the University Registrar and the Study Abroad Office partnered recently to change how study abroad credit is articulated on a student's academic record. Study abroad credits earned in spring 2021 or later will no longer carry the TREQ subject code. Instead, these courses will be articulated as their UNC equivalent (e.g., SPAN 203). Courses with no specific UNC equivalent will be articulated as department elective credit (e.g., POLI ---), department leveled elective credit (e.g., ANTH 2--- or general education/elective credit (e.g., GENR 180/GENR ----). In the THT, leveled credit will automatically be read by majors/minors requiring courses at a specific level (e.g., ANTH 2--- is ANTH at the 200 level).

This change will provide more transparency to a student's study abroad experience, reduce the number of THT adjustments needed, and allow for more flexible planning. UNC-articulated study abroad courses, once posted, can be used as prerequisites for enrollment in other courses.

Study abroad courses will now carry the following grades: SA (passed), SI (incomplete), SF (failed), SW (withdrawn), and SN (no credit). Completed study abroad courses (unless taught by a UNC instructor) will not calculate into a student's overall GPA or the major/minor GPA. Students who earn less than a C on study abroad courses will now receive a failing grade which will be calculated into their overall GPA.

Similarly, UNCO ([UNC Online](#)) courses are now being articulated as UNC equivalents but will continue to be considered transfer credit (per the College of Arts & Sciences). Successfully completed UNCO courses will carry the grade of TR.

University Requirements for Majors/Minors

Students completing a major and/or minor in the College of Arts and Sciences must meet the [requirements](#) set forth in the online [Catalog](#). To create more consistency, accuracy and transparency, A&S majors and minors in the THT now include a section entitled "University Requirements for Majors [Minors]" (previously "Course Check") and will check for six items:

1. Major/minor courses in-progress
2. Major/minor GPA (2.000 minimum required)
3. Course Check: Limit of test (BE) credits used in the major/minor
4. Course Check: Limit of transfer credits used in the major/minor
5. Course Check: Limit of major courses overlapping with other majors*
6. Course Check: Limit of online courses used in the major/minor

Note: these items may differ for some professional school majors/minor.

*Course checks on limits of minors overlapping with other minors/majors will be added soon.

To illustrate to students that graduation is dependent upon successful completion of their courses, majors and minors will not display as fully satisfied until in-progress courses are completed with a permanent grade.

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